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As another assembly poll nears, politicians scramble to latch on to issues. BM will make their task easier, highlighting issues Bengaluru would vote for. Today, we look at the humble pedestrian

DEAD MAN WALKING

2022 saw 43% increase in pedestrian deaths

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There has been a 43% increase in pedestrian deaths in 2022 as compared to the previous year — 228 pedestrians lost their lives this year on Bengaluru roads.

According to data gathered by the Bengaluru traffic police, the city recorded 714 deaths of road users as of October 31, 2022.

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Pedestrians' right of way

In 2021, the data showed, 159 pedestrians died on the road in Bengaluru city limits, which was similar to the statistics of 2020, when 160 pedestrian deaths were recorded.

Not only has the death toll increased, but the number of pedestrians who were injured in a road accident has gone up too. This year, as of October, 737 pedestrians were injured — a 19.6% increase from last year when 616 pedestrians were injured.

The data also showed weekends

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"Most pedestrian deaths are due to over speeding vehicles near crossings... in most instances, it is the negligence of drivers..."

— MN Anucheth, joint commissioner of police, traffic

The Day of the Jackal

Two wild animals rescued from Kathriguppe and Yelahanka await release

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A city based wildlife rescue centre has written to the Karnataka Forest Department seeking permission to release two rescued jackals — schedule II animals — back into the forest areas of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. The animals were rescued from Kathriguppe and Yelahanka.

While a pup was rescued from Kathriguppe, an adult jackal was rescued from the parking space of an apartment complex in Yelahanka.

"We received a call a couple of months ago regarding a dog howling on the balcony of a building. The person who called us was doubtful if it was a dog. We requested the informer to share a video; to our surprise, it turned out to be an Indian Jackal pup. We received another call regarding a Jackal displaced inside a building's parking area in Yelahanka. This animal was starved, dehydrated and had hypercalcemia at the time of the rescue," said Colonel (Dr) Nawaz Shariff, chief veterinarian, PFA wildlife hospital.

Jackals in India are protected under Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Police have the power to seize such

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Hunt for Karnataka's talent

VK Navatare, a one-of-a-kind beauty pageant and talent hunt for college students is back, and if you're one of those who wants to shine on the ramp, this is your moment! In fact, VK Navatare is the one and only beauty pageant and talent hunt conducted for college students by VK (Bangalore Mirror's sister concern and number one newspaper in Karnataka). The fifth edition of VK Navatare has begun and if you are yet to enrol, here's your chance right now. VK Navatare is an excellent platform for all the college girls aiming for a career in TV, films and entertainment

"VK Navatare is a prestigious event and I waited for two years to prepare and participate. It has given me a great platform. It has boosted my morale and confidence and opened up a number of career opportunities
– Manushree, VK Navatare 2021 winner

fields. VK Navatare as it is one of the most trustworthy beauty pageants and talent hunt and one of its kind conducted by a newspaper in Karnataka. Currently, auditions are being held at Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Belagavi, Davanagere and Kalaburagi. The entry is completely free. After auditions at regional levels, the finale will be held at Bengaluru. So, don't miss this golden opportunity and enrol now.

in general. The participants and winners of the previous editions have made it big in their respective

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Alternative route to make BU's main road exclusive

Bangalore University wants a peripheral road to prevent outsiders from using main road

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To prevent the general public from using the main roads, the Bangalore University (BU) is proposing to construct a peripheral road along the varsity.

Bangalore University (BU) registrar N Mahesh Babu told Bangalore Mirror, "We have decided to write to BBMP and BDA to go for a greenfield peripheral road on our boundaries so that the main roads that cross the varsity are not used by public."

Currently, the main road that connects Mysuru Road to ORR and Nagarabhavi Road to BU headquarters are used by thousands of vehicles on an everyday basis.

With a spate of accidents, there have been protests to stop outsiders from using these public roads. However, since these roads are the main arterial road that connects one part of the city to another, BBMP and BDA are insisting the varsity not close the roads to the public.

Babu said, "We need to create alternative roads along our boundaries. In any university, there should be an academic environment. However, with public vehicles using the road, it looks like a commercial entity. We want to protect the university land like the University of Mysore or GKVK. For example, a public road passes on the periphery of the GKVK. So, why not create a road in our periphery so that the public can use that road and not enter the university at all? This will prevent accidents and unnecessary entry to the varsity as well."

No more landlines

The cash-strapped BU has decided to cut down on expenses from landline phones. A circular has been issued to the staff stating that except one telephone connection for HoD, all other telephone connections will be snapped. Babu told Mirror, "Currently, there are 790 telephone connections in the varsity out of which, we are retaining 100. The monthly telephone bill comes to Rs 2.5 lakh and if we are able to disconnect the rest of the connections, we will be able to save Rs 30 lakh annually.

When we did the audit of the telephones, we found that most of them didn't know where these connections were and there were no telephone sets, yet, we were paying the bills till now. So, we have decided to go for one connection for one department with intercom facilities."

The main road connects Mysore Road, ORR, and Nagarabhavi Road and is used by many commuters daily

"This will prevent accidents and unnecessary entry to the varsity as well
– N Mahesh Babu, Registrar, BU

Meanwhile, the varsity's increased rent will come into force from this month. Babu said they were issuing revised sale deeds to the tenants. Tenants have to pay the pending dues and then start paying the rent as per the new fixed amount.

Last month, BU had issued a diktat to these institutes present in the campus for paying a rent of Rs 50,000 per acre per year as many were paying just Re 1 rent per acre till now. He said that there was a need to improve the finances of the university.

Over the years, BU has been losing a lot of affiliated colleges with the creation of universities. When Tumkur University was formed, many colleges were moved to the neighbouring varsity. Then, it was the turn of Bengaluru North and Central universities.

In February, UVCE will move out of BU. BU is now finding it tough to manage revenues as it is largely dependent on the State Government for funds. BU's expenditure is pegged at Rs 130 crore annually.

1 THING TO DO

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Curriculum framework that's student-friendly & flexible

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Monday released a curriculum framework for undergraduate students that gives them the flexibility to move from one discipline to another along with providing multiple entries and exit points throughout the four-year-long undergraduate course. Students say the framework is flexible.

As Karnataka is the first state in India to implement the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), most universities in the state have already introduced four-year undergraduate honours degree program from the ongoing academic sessions.

"In this way, Karnataka is kind of the forerunner for the new curriculum. So, we have already implemented the four-year undergraduate program with multiple entries and exit options. We have already designed a curriculum and pedagogy on similar lines. There is more specificity in the UGC framework,

especially with respect to the duration of the course and when can the student exit and continue in the same college after a break. Some such things the universities need to update," said Lingaraj Gandhi, the vice chancellor of Bangalore City University (BCU).

"The nomenclature will also have to be revised by the respective universities now as per the UGC framework. The credit system might also differ subtly from the UGC-specified framework, all of which will be revised. Except that, the structure of the framework has largely been implemented by the universities and affiliated colleges," said the Vice-chancellor.

It is a very flexible and student-centric framework as it would allow the students to choose subjects of their choice across various disciplines. Universities said that so far, there has been a positive response in the admissions for the four-year BA/B.Sc courses. However, almost no students have opted for an exit option in the universities so far.

Students stressed that the new framework is beneficial for them.

"It is great that the same would be followed across India now. The option to take a break for a few years from studies while still being enrolled is especially helpful. Most of the features in the new UGC framework can be extremely beneficial for the students... Higher education should always be flexible as these days people juggle work and academics while being in college. It is time that we start differentiating between school education and college education," said Vidisha, a second-year undergraduate student studying in Bengaluru.

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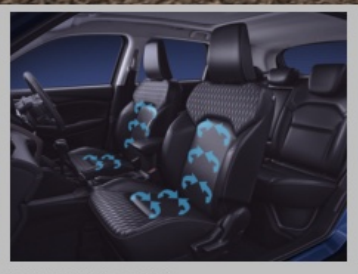

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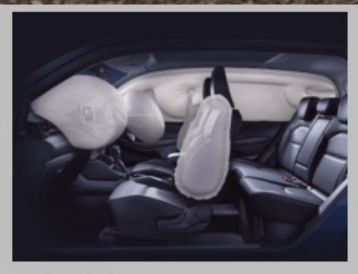

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Multi-modal transport working? DULT to see

Experts say unified transport authority like TFL in London can aid transport system in city

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The Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) is conducting a study of multi-modal integration across three locations in Bengaluru. The study aims to identify various challenges involved with the implementation.

DULT Commissioner, Manjula V, said "We are conducting studies in Whitefield, Byappanahalli, and Majestic. The data collection stage is over. We hope to explore aspects like easy access to transport and the issues and challenges regarding the implementation of the project. We were asked by the state government to explore multi-modal integration for Byappanahalli, but we are doing it in Majestic and Whitefield as well."

DULT is also funding a separate study on multi-modal integration conducted by RITES. They hope to conclude the study by December-end or January 2023. This is a novel method to ensure seamless connectivity of different modes of public transport meeting distance-travel and last-mile connectivity at the same time. It is also expected to lead to a greater shift to public transport and reduce congestion in the city. Irrespective of crores being put into road infrastructure, congestion cannot be reduced without a larger shift to public transport.

Dr Ashish Verma, Convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab, said, "Multi-modal integration is inevitable in Tier 1 and 2 cities. We already have different phases of the metro under construction, suburban railways are slowly progressing, and we have an existing bus service. This type of integration allows seamless travel. However, to bring about the change, there is a need for policy-level interventions as well as operational-level. There is a need for timely service, dedicated lanes for buses, and disincentivising private transport usage."

Commuters on a BMTC bus (File photo), experts say a shift to public transport can help reduce congestion

> **Adequate parking infrastruture should be provided near transport hubs. We also need real-time tracking and updates about the transport**
>
> –Sanjeev Dyamannavar, urban mobility expert

He added that physical integration between these modes is another key aspect. In terms of infrastructure, there is a need to ensure easy accessibility between transport modes. Commuters should be easily able to jump from one mode to another, he said. Such a system, he explained, will allow commuters to depend largely on a sustainable mode of transport.

Experts also feel that there is a need to address basic issues before conducting a complete overhaul of the system. "In airports, from boarding a flight to reaching your destination, everything is coordinated by different groups. We need a similar approach within the city. For example, commuters should be able to take the buses and utilise skywalks to reach metro stations. Adequate parking infrastructure and taxi/auto stands should be provided near transport hubs. We would also need real-time tracking and updates about the transport," said urban mobility expert, Sanjeev Dyamannavar.

Aloke Mukherjee, Senior Associate World Resources Institute (WRI), noted that most of the congestion on Bengaluru roads is due to an increase in private vehicles. "Bengaluru has seen a big jump from 13 lakh vehicles in 2001 to over a crore today, he said. "Only a pivotal shift towards public transport is an actual solution to congestion. There is also a need for bringing a unified payment system for all transport modes as well. We need to establish a unified transport authority like TFL (Transport for London) in London to enable a birds-eye view of transport in the city. It also means developing an inclusive transport system," said Mukherjee.

Jackals rescued from the city

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animals and send them to infirmaries for treatment or rehabilitation before they can be released.

According to Rahul J, rehabilitator at PFA, with a proper diet, calcium supplements and boosted wild instincts, the adult jackal has recovered from his trauma and gained good health.

"Jackals are foragers; hiding or scattering food in their enclosure encourages this natural feeding behaviour. We nurtured this instinct by hiding a mixture of meat and pellets under branches/piles of logs, or scattered around the enclosure to encourage the jackals to retrieve food by either grabbing with teeth or paws," said Rahul. Both the jackals are now fit to be released in the wild.

"We are awaiting their release. We have requested the Karnataka Forest Department to help us in the 'soft-release' of these two rehabilitated jackals back into the wild. Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Muthathi, is a suitable habitat with a good distribution of golden jackals, along the Cauvery river. We are planning to 'soft-release' them in the sanctuary as soon as the forest department gives clearance," said Colonel (Dr) Shariff.

Wildlife experts are not amused

According to wildlife researchers and conservationists, rescues should not happen unless the animal is grievously injured and in need of help.

"While we fragment urban green spaces and spread deeper into urban forests, we are highly unaware of how to deal with a situation like this. Wild animals should not be taken to rescue centres unless they are injured or pose a threat. Even if spotted, they should be left alone till it is dark. They will disappear into their natural habitat in no time. We increase the chance of their displacement by rescuing them," said wildlife researcher Ramesh Belagere.

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Experts said while sightings of wildlife are not uncommon in the city, lack of awareness about local fauna among the urban population is an issue that needs to be addressed.

"There is huge pressure on the city landscape; it is impossible to make space for the ever-increasing human population without clearing green patches. Wild animals are bound to be seen more frequently as we end up encroaching upon their space. The least we can do is learn about them and understand how to manage a situation involving wildlife in a converted landscape," said another wildlife activist

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Jayanagar

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Kalasipalyam New Extension

In 1st Cross, Kalasipalyam New Extension, adjacent to SJP Park Police Station, shops have been blocked due to construction debris left by BBMP.

Water crisis
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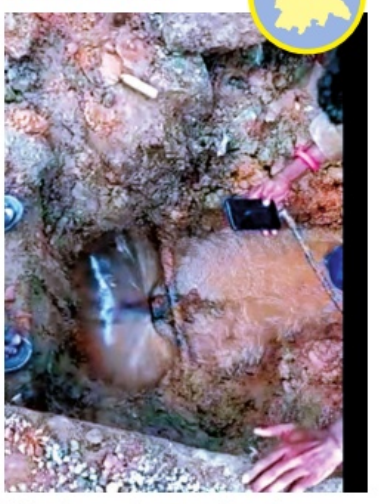

Private service providers have damaged the water and sewage pipes in 1st Cross, Bore Bank Road, Benson Town. There has been acute water shortage for about 20 days.

Police upset swindler's crooked plot

Northeast division of city police have nabbed a man who used to deceive the public under the pretext of showing them plots, only to polish off money from their bank accounts.

Virod Kumar Reddy, who hails from Andhra Pradesh, is accused of putting false advertisements on an online marketplace and cheating people of money.

"The man used to put ads on a website about plots for sale. The victim who filed the complaint was taken to a spot by the accused. Here, the accused flicked the victim's phone and fled. Within 30 minutes, a total of Rs. 1,40,000 was transferred from the victim's bank account to some other account," said the police.

After the victim registered a complaint, a case was registered under various sections of IPC. The police were on a lookout for the accused who was later traced to Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh. The police have seized mobile phones, SIM cards and debit cards from the accused.

Drug bust

CCB police raided three places on Wednesday and seized drugs worth Rs 35 lakh from four accused.

The accused also included Sudan nationals who used to get synthetic drugs from people based in Nigeria and Kerala at a low price and sell it at a high price of Rs 10,000 to Rs 12,000 to students, IT/BT employees.

CCB arrested Amar Mohammad, Abdul, Shabbir, Yaseen, Ramesh and seized the drugs. According to the police, 240 grams of MDMA was seized, which the gang was planning to distribute for New Year parties. A team of CCB police was monitoring the accused. **BMB**

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No questions asked, just poke around disturbed lake

Citizens say there was no public consultation on development work near Hosakerehalli Lake

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Just about three weeks ago, over 10-plus fully grown trees were chopped off near Hosakerehalli Lake. In addition to this, for a week now, a road is being built in the periphery of the water body.

The residents alleged that instead of saving the lake, the authorities have been carrying out civic works near the lake, thereby threatening it, without seeking any public consultation.

The Hosakerehalli Lake is one of the oldest lakes in the city, spread over 59 acres with clear water and many migratory birds pay their visit. But now, the lake has become a dumping yard and there is no water in the lake. One can only see hyacinths all around.

According to the residents, the condition of the area is creating a lot of problems for them as heaps of garbage have become breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The area is also infested with pigs. Additionally, the air is toxic and imposes a greater risk on senior citizens and kids.

A week ago, people were shocked to see that road digging had started in the lakes periphery and when they questioned the workers on the spot, they stated that the work is part of a road development project.

"We asked if they had any approval letter but they didn't show any. The place was being dug without alerting any resident. There is even a retaining wall being built in the lake's buffer zone to avoid breaching. However, as of now there is no water in the lake for it to even breach," said Rachna Ravi, a resident of the area.

Road construction work has been ongoing in the periphery of the Hosakerehalli Lake for a week now

"We asked if they had any approval letter but they didn't show any. The place was being dug without any resident of the area being alerted about it

–Rachna Ravi, a resident of the area

Reportedly, the road is being made to connect one of the apartment complexes that do not have any route access.

"The road which is, dug is leading to an apartment complex. We are of the view that the road is being made to provide facilities for them. But taking up the lake for this is not acceptable," she explained.

Meanwhile, when the residents tried speaking to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, they stated that they are carrying out a road widening project. "They can do it but without touching the lake's periphery," added Ravi.

Residents start a petition

During the ward committee meeting in September 2022, Jhatkaa.org in solidarity with citizens living near Hosakerehalli Lake submitted a letter stating the plight of the lake to the Zonal Commissioner. Yet, there is no solution devised till date.

The residents pointed out that unless the lake is fenced; there is no end to the dumping of garbage.

"The road work is at the border of the lake and no problem will occur. There is some leakage at the lake bund and for the strengthening of it, the retaining wall is being made," said Shilpa from BBMP lakes team.

Bangalore Mirror tried contacting Rajarajeshwari Nagar Joint Commissioner Nagaraju and RR Nagar MLA Munirathna but they remained unresponsive.

The residents have also started an online petition at Jhatkaa.org - "Breathe Life into Hosakerehalli Lake", which has garnered 2500 plus signatures.

Robots to monitor patients in ICUs

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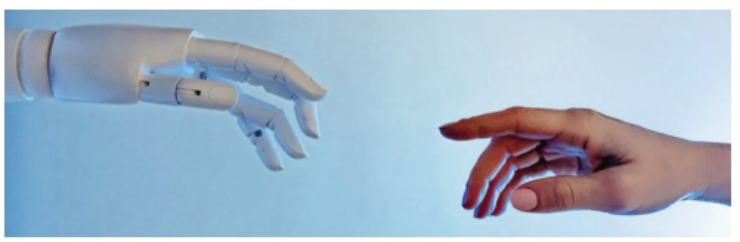
Robots are not uncommon in Bengaluru but now a government hospital in the city is experimenting with robots in intensive care units (ICUs). Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) has deployed a 'robot' to monitor patients being treated in intensive care units.

The hospital management feels that the robot can substitute deployment of multiple doctors and it is crucial during treatment of infectious diseases as it minimises human to human contact.

According to Dr C Nagaraja, RGICD director, the robot named as 'Dr Tele Robot' has been procured under corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds at a cost of Rs 30 lakh.



Robots to get to work at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases

"This robot is currently used in our ICU. We earlier used this as a pilot project when RGICD was treating covid patients. Now, we are using the robot for other ICU patients as well," he said.

When covid hit the city in 2020, RGICD was one of the hospitals designated to treat covid patients.

As it is a challenging task for a senior doctor to manage all the ICUs, to deal with it, the hospital has set up a command centre. Each of the ICU beds is labelled with patient details.

The database will be transferred to the command centre and the robots are equipped to be commanded from there. A senior intensivist will be sitting in the command centre to operate the robot.

"This robot has been designed in such a way that it can move from one bed to another. The senior doctor can also talk with patients via robot. This has a dual effect," he added.

"The patients can also have their morale high as they are in touch with the senior doctor. The senior doctors can provide commands to the robot for other monitoring as well. There is a possibility of coordinating with six to seven ICUs," he explained.

The command centre has huge screens to provide a better display of the ICU. The robot also has a monitor for visual interaction as well. Earlier, the hospital had a 20-bedded ICU and it has been enhanced to 60-bedded ICU.

714 deaths of road users in 2022

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are the most accident-prone days. There are more than 1,000 road accidents recorded on weekends, with Saturdays taking the lead with 525 cases, followed by Sunday with 522 cases.

As per hour-wise analysis of accidents, out of a total of 3,466 accidents recorded this year, most of the incidents occurred between 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Joint commissioner of police, traffic, MN Anucheth told BM that the traffic police use enforcement and awareness campaigns to curb road accidents and traffic violations.

"Most of the pedestrian deaths are due to over speeding vehicles near crossings. It's not the fault of engineering of roads; in most instances, it is the negligence of drivers. Police try to enforce law on the road and fine people who are over speeding. We focus on creating awareness; we go to different schools and teach young minds about the consequences of reckless driving. The idea is to make people aware of responsible driving," he said.

Pedestrians jostle along bad roads with speeding vehicles

The joint commissioner noted, he has noticed that most of the pedestrian deaths occur at late night or early morning when there is less traffic as people tend to drive fast during these time periods.

According to the data, the vehicle that is involved in road accidents the most is the two-wheeler. There have been 1,209 cases of two-wheelers involved in road accidents this year, a slight increase from the past two years when 1,166 and 1,158 two wheelers were involved in accidents in 2021 and 2020 respectively.

According to bicycle mayor Sathya Sankaran, two-wheeler drivers riding on footpaths lead to pedestrian deaths.

"Two-wheeler riders are involved in maximum footpath and cycle lane violations. There is a need to control two wheelers; if they don't respect footpaths and cycle lanes, then there should be a heavy fine. There should be a crackdown on two-wheeler riders who are riding on footpaths," said Sankaran.

The bicycle mayor also highlighted the need to pass the Active Mobility Bill to ensure safety of pedestrians.

'Need to extend forest reserve travel ban time'

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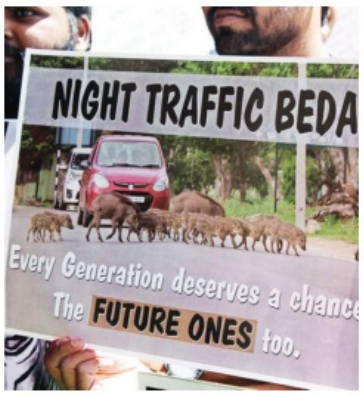

After an adult female elephant was run over and killed by a speeding truck on National Highway 766 inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Tuesday night, experts have raised the demand to revise vehicular traffic ban timing in forest reserves.

Since the Supreme Court upheld the night traffic ban in 2019, the movement of traffic through the tiger reserve has been banned from 9 pm to 6 am. "The incident shows that the ban is not good enough. In 2009-10, a juvenile elephant had come under a truck in the same area. The government should revise the timings, especially during winter," said Ramesh Belagere, wildlife researcher.

Experts say the way the truck hit the animal shows that the vehicle was speeding and the driver could not see the elephant. "As per the SC ruling, there is a night traffic ban between 9 pm and 6 am and no vehicles are allowed to ply on roads inside forest reserves except emergency vehicles. The way the truck hit the animal shows that the driver could not see the elephant. The issue should be taken up by the government," said Joseph Hoover, president of United Conservation Movement and former member of the State Wildlife Board

According to Belagere, there should be a 12-hour ban on vehicular traffic in reserve forests. "We are losing tigers, leopards, bonnet macaques and many other wildlife in road accidents inside the reserve forests. If the current ban from 9 pm to 6 am is making people drive fast, we need to think about increasing the time duration. The incident in Bandipur happened due to the fog which is very dense during winter months. If the time duration is not increased, we should think about letting the local authorities take a call based on the weather," added Belagere.

Controlling vehicular speed by instating scientifically designed speed breakers can also be fruitful, say the experts. "The frequency of speed breakers and height of humps can force heavy vehicles to decelerate. The humps inside the reserve forest should ensure that heavy vehicles are driving under a certain speed limit," said a city-based conservationist.

Could we party a bit longer this NYE?

Eateries, pubs urge timing extension favour shown to football aficionados be given to New Year revellers too

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After the police allowed eateries to extend timings by 2.5 hours for the FIFA World Cup semi-finals, restaurants and hotel associations in the city have demanded the same for New Year's Eve too.

Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Association (BBHA) president PC Rao has recently written to the police saying, "New Years' eve is celebrated with great zeal in the city. However, for the last two years, there has been a subdued mood due to covid. As there are no restrictions for festivities this year, we request the police to grant permission for hotels, restaurants, bars, bakeries, ice cream parlours, and other shops to remain open till 3 am."

"We have already sought the State Government's permission to allow the opening of hotels 24*7 in the city. As many states have given round-the-clock permission, we expect the same here too," he added.

The police, on Tuesday, gave permission to keep all the eateries open till 3.30 am on December 14, 15 for the World Cup semi-final matches.

"We are demanding for the timings to be extended till 3 or 3:30 am on December 31 and January 1 as well," Rao told Bangalore Mirror.

The restaurants and pubs in the city say that during this time, they witness a large number of footfalls.

> **2022 has been a year of recovery for pubs and everyone wants to party their heart out this one day, especially the young**
> –Miten Shah, pub co-founder

Miten Shah, the co-founder of The Studs Sports Bar and Grill, JP Nagar, said, "For the past two years, the New Year celebrations have completely been unexciting, especially in January 2021 when there was a heavy wave of covid. That is why the guests are expecting a lot more this year now that the restrictions are gone. This is exactly where we can use some support from the authorities to boost the nightlife."

"Bengaluru is considered to be one of the safer cities and also has a buzzing nightlife. So, if we are allowed to function late for one particular day it wouldn't impact the civic balance a lot and would be really appreciable... 2022 has been a year of recovery for pubs and everyone wants to party their heart out this one day especially the youth in Bengaluru," Shah added.

So far, there is huge excitement among the people for this New Year's eve.

"I am so looking forward to going out with my friends this New Year's eve after so many years. It would of course be great if the timings are extended beyond 1 am in the city because otherwise, you only get one hour of celebration," said Vinaya K, a young professional.

Fake currency seized in raid, accused absconding

The Central Crime Branch police have busted a gang that used to print fake currency notes. Based on a tip-off about smuggling going on in Hennur police station limits, officials raided the area where the gang used to print the notes.

Equipment used for printing the notes and notes worth Rs 1 crore were seized. However, the accused are absconding.

Fatal abortion bid

A woman is said to have died of severe bleeding after taking abortion pills in Begur police station limits.

The woman, an employee of a reputed e-commerce company and her husband, have an 11-month-old son. She had found out that she was pregnant again and taken the pills. It is said though she was in discomfort, she refused to go to the hospital. It was only the next day that the woman lost consciousness and her husband and mother-in-law admitted her to a private hospital.

Freak accident claims boy

A six-year-old boy was killed after jumping off a tractor that started when he turned the key, in Chikkabellandur on Tuesday. The tractor driver had left the key inside and the boy who was out playing sat in the tractor and turned the key. When it started moving, the boy jumped out of it and hit his head. The boy's father Pradeep has filed a complaint and the tractor driver Rangappa, was arrested, quizzed and released on bail. **—Ahna Prakash**

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JE vaccination: Health dept meets 43.9% of its target

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The target of children to be vaccinated is 48,12,806 in 10 districts of the state.

The districts where the vaccination drive is held are Bagalkot, Dakshina Kannada, Gadag, Kalaburagi, Hassan, Haveri, Ramnagar, Tumakuru, Udupi and Yadgir. The vaccination drive will go on for three weeks and the HFW aims at 100% coverage in the next two weeks.

As of December 12, amongst the 10 districts, Udupi has seen a high percentage of coverage at 57.9%.

Japanese Encephalitis is the leading cause of mosquito-borne encephalitis in South-East Asia and Western Pacific and is often misdiagnosed as dengue.

Dr Naveen, Director of NHM said, "We are focusing on giving vaccination to the school children first. We have been reaching out to the schools to cover a larger population. Next, the anganwadi centres will be covered. We will be giving one dose to the children. We are carrying out the vaccination at a fast pace and by next two weeks, we will be able to have a full coverage." **– Iffath Fathima**

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HEALTH TIP: It is best to avoid eating anything 2-3 hours before going to bed because it interferes with the digestive system

It is best to eat an apple with its peel, as it is high in fibre, vitamin C, and A

Right timing

Your circadian rhythm influences how well medications work

All living organisms on Earth are exposed to a 24-hour day-night cycle. This cycle is the reason why people rest during the darkness of night and are active during the light of day.

Consequently, all human body functions also follow this daily rhythm, and the timing of behaviours like exercise or food intake can significantly influence your health.

For example, eating at night can lead to weight gain over time because while daytime food intake is used for activities, food intake at night leads to increased fat storage because the body expects to be at rest.

When you take your medications is also influenced by your circadian rhythm. Many drug targets in the body follow a 24-hour cycle.

This means that the specific proteins a drug is designed to modify can react differently to the medication over the course of a 24-hour time period.

Because how the body responds to a medication can differ depending on whether it is taken during the day or at night, it logically follows that taking medications at specific times could help increase their effectiveness and reduce unwanted side effects.

When doctors prescribe medication for people, they rarely consider the best time to take it. There are two main reasons for that oversight.

First, many physicians are not aware that some drugs work better during a specific time of the day.

And second, most drugs have not been studied for possible different effects during a 24-hour cycle.

As such, patients are directed to take most drugs during the morning or evening primarily to ensure compliance.

My lab and I have been studying chronotherapy, or how time of day affects disease development and treatment effectiveness, for many years.

In our recently published research, we found that using a particular sedative at night can increase the risk for heart damage.

Chronotherapeutic drug delivery

The concept of chronotherapy isn't new. For example, over 50 years ago, researchers found that the cholesterol drug simvastatin is more effective at lowering triglyceride and cholesterol levels when taken at night rather than during the day.

> **Taking time of day into account might require reformulating some medications that last for more than a 24-hour period in the body**

This is because the liver enzyme these drugs target is more active at night. As a result, the Food and Drug Administration recommends taking simvastatin in the evening.

Similarly, research in the 1990s showed that taking time of day into account when administering a combination chemotherapy could increase its effectiveness and reduce treatment toxicity for colorectal cancer patients.

This is because cancer cells divide at different rates over the course of the day. The rate that the body metabolizes drugs also varies over a 24-hour cycle.

Other examples include the over-the-counter acid reflux medication omeprazole and blood pressure medications that work best when taken before bedtime or in the evening, respectively.

Taking medications at the wrong time can even cause harm.

My colleagues and I wondered whether midazolam, the most common sedative used in surgical procedures worldwide, might interfere with the internal clock that protects the heart at night.

Currently, there are no guidelines regarding when midazolam should be administered.

When we analysed data from 50 medical institutions for the occurrence of heart damage during surgical procedures from 2014 to 2019, we found that taking midazolam during overnight surgeries may increase the odds of heart damage in healthy patients by over threefold.

Timing matters

More research is needed to determine the best times to administer treatments for different diseases.

Taking time of day into account might require reformulating some medications that last for more than a 24-hour time period in the body.

As of 2019, the FDA has recommendations for only four of the 50 currently most prescribed medications to be given at a specific time of day.

Considering that the top 10 highest-grossing drugs in the US help only between 1 in 25 and 1 in 4 of the people who take them, I believe that taking drug timing into account could help make treatments more effective and help more people worldwide.

(By Tobias Eckle, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, for The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Exercise, mindfulness training don't boost brain power in the elderly

As you may have witnessed thousands of senior people performing exercise and mindfulness training in parks, community centres and at home in the morning, a large study that focused on whether exercise and mindfulness training could boost cognitive function in older adults has found no such improvement.

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and the University of California, San Diego, studied the cognitive effects of exercise, mindfulness training or both for up to 18 months in older adults who reported age-related changes in memory but had not been diagnosed with any form of dementia.

"We know beyond any doubt that exercise is good for older adults, that it can lower risk for cardiac problems, strengthen bones, improve mood and have other beneficial effects – and there has been some thought that it also might improve cognitive function," said the study's first author, Eric J. Lenze, the Wallace and Lucille Renard Professor and head of the Department of Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine.

"Likewise, mindfulness training is beneficial because it reduces stress,

and stress can be bad for your brain. Therefore, we hypothesised that if older adults exercised regularly, practiced mindfulness or did both there might be cognitive benefits – but that's not what we found," Lenze noted in the study published in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

The researchers now want to see whether there may be some cognitive effects over a longer time period, so they plan to continue studying this group of older adults to learn whether exercise and mindfulness might help prevent future cognitive declines.

In this study, however, the practices did not boost cognitive function. "So many older adults are concerned about memory. It's important for studies like ours to develop and test behavioural interventions to try to provide them with neuroprotection and stress reduction as well as general health benefits," said senior author Julie Wetherell, a professor of psychiatry at UC San Diego.

The researchers studied 585 adults ages 65 through 84. None had been diagnosed with dementia, but all had concerns about minor memory problems and other age-related cognitive declines.

"We aren't saying 'Don't exercise' or, 'Don't practice mindfulness'," Lenze said. "But we had thought we might find a cognitive benefit in these older adults. We didn't. On the other hand, we didn't study whether exercise or mindfulness might benefit older adults who are impaired, due to dementia or to disorders such as depression," he stressed. —IANS

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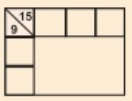
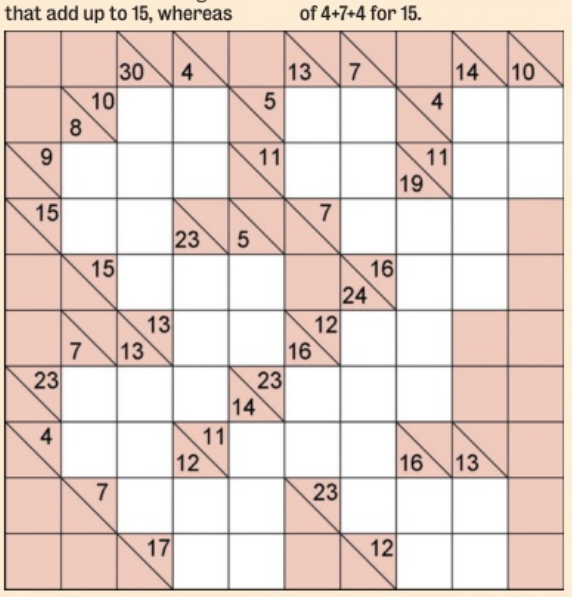
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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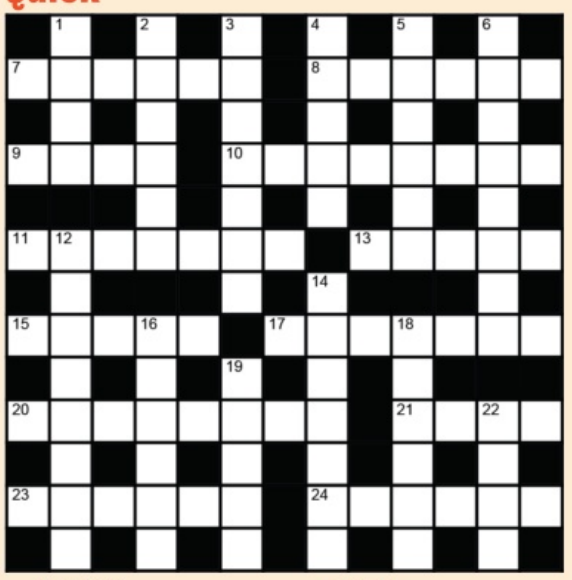


ACROSS

7 Spanish festival (6)
8 Fit to eat (6)
9 Very little (4)
10 Rebuke (8)
11 Dispute, strive or struggle? (7)
13 Het up (5)
15 Concert hall (5)
17 Yearning (7)
20 Reclines (4,4)
21 Monetary unit of Cambodia (4)
23 Fresh; modern (6)
24 China shop purchase (3,3)

DOWN

1 Victory goddess (4)
2 In the land of Nod (6)
3 Theatre on Varthur Road (7)
4 Percolates (5)
5 Disclaim or deny (6)
6 Negative particle of atom (8)
12 Veteran (3-5)
14 Of the same family (7)
16 Ejected or expelled (6)
18 Nuremberg native (6)
19 Kinds or types (5)
22 At any time (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS G

SKI BQWEIOS KJVW GZ QZH YQZ'O UGPI GO LKIZ KI OGSO BJLZ SJ CUQZ KJL SJ DIS YJZIH LGSKJVS IQWZGZD GS.

Linemaro

There's so much to say but your eyes keep interrupting me

Mindchow

There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in

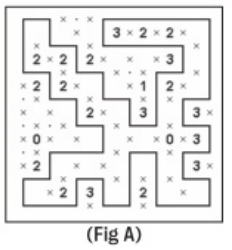
Joke of the day

One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor ...

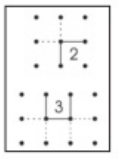
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

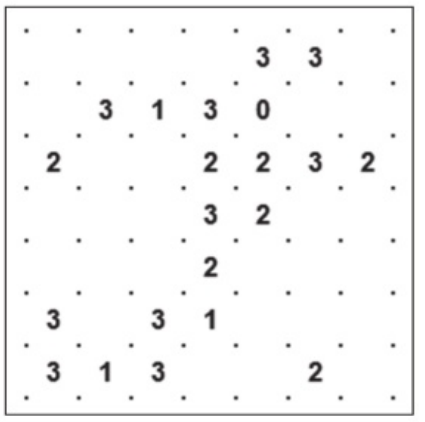


(Fig B) Not Allowed

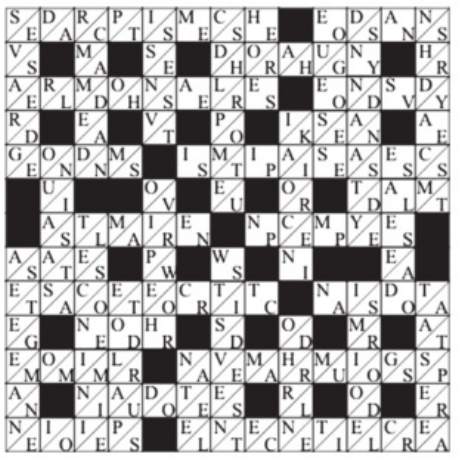
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



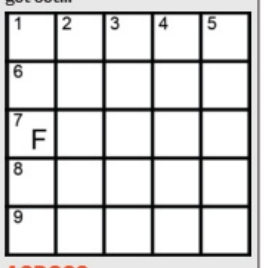
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Spasm; 6 Or war;
7 A filo; 8 Me rye;
9 Sores

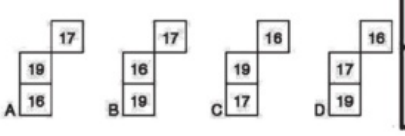
DOWN

1 Fares; 2 Or mop;
3 Laser; 4 I Rome;
5 Y saws

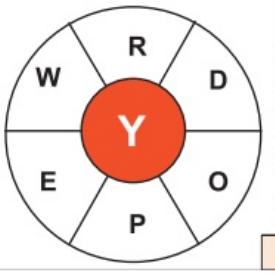
Mensapuzzle

Which section is missing?

6	10	14	18
9	13	?	21
12	?	20	24
15	?	23	27



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	9			7	8			2
5	7			3		1		4
9				4				7
4		8		2			5	6
3			6	8			1	
							7	8
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 21
2 3 8 8

Medium = 20
5 7 9 9

Hard = 15
4 7 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

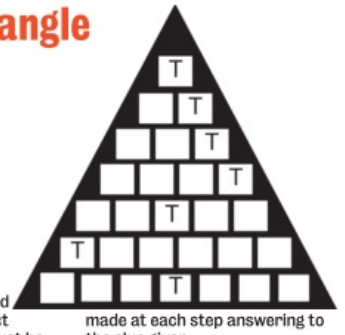
Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Table is smaller. 3. Newspaper is longer. 4. Glove is a catcher's mitt. 5. Number on shirt is smaller. 6. Curtain is wider on left side.

Riddler

The product of two numbers is 7,497. If you divide the highest by the lowest, you get 17. What are the numbers?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 tu Brute ...
3 Safety item
4 Undiluted
5 Cavern
6 Iranian capital
7 Made of clay



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

DID YOU GET THE RESULTS OF MY TESTS, MEDICINE MAN?
YES...YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY GIRL
FIRST THING TOMORROW WE START GETTING THESE FILES IN ORDER!
9-28

Bizarrotrip

TWO OR MORE PERSO2S PER VEHICLE
Sir, inner demons don't count as HOV lane passengers.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HOW DO WE KNOW YOU DIDN'T TAKE ALYSSA'S MICROPHONE?
LOOK, I ONLY PLAYED WITH IT ONCE. IT'S A TOY FOR BABIES!
HEY! I'M NOT A BABY! IT'S FOR AGES 3 - 10!
DIDN'T YOU GET IT FROM BABIES 'R' US?
I DON'T SEE HOW THAT'S RELEVANT.
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Crankshaft

I JUST SEEM TO HAVE A HARDER AND HARDER TIME REMEMBERING THINGS.
MAYBE YOUR BRAIN IS GETTING CEMENTIA.
NO, IT'S...
ACTUALLY, I THINK ED IS MORE ON THE MONEY!
BY TIM & K. DAVIS
10-5

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may hear good news in terms of work. Job seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may plan for a change in place, but it is advised to postpone decisions related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. By late evening, situations may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of your elders, you may control messy situations.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may have good patience. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which will speed up your projects. Your subordinates may cooperate with you. It may help you to complete a project before time. There may be some short trips related to work. You are likely to meet an influential person who will help you boost your business.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may spend money buying some creative items or artefacts to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may implement some new plans into your family business. It will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. Today you must avoid straightforwardness. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, otherwise there may be some disputes in the family. Jobs eekers may find suitable work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are not blessed by the moon. You may feel unhappy. You may become impatient today. You may also find it difficult to perform your tasks and you may not be able to fulfil your desires. You want to be detached from your given responsibility. You may not be able to complete any task.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Work-related pressure may go away. Your earnings may convert into profits now. You are likely to invest for a long-term period. You may get an overseas work order, which will give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your soulmate. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may perform well on your professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of colleagues. Intellectual investments and financial investments may start giving profits now, which will increase confidence levels. You may use your wisdom to gain benefits.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your spiritual power can make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You may also take an interest in occult sciences. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel nervous and may have a lack of patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get deep knowledge on a subject or you may have good focus towards research. Chanting mantras may help you in messy situations.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may help you improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business and work, which will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Lovebirds are advised to be clear in their opinion with each other to make their future bright.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors and you may expect promotions. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered now. It may help in increasing liquidity in business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters too. In partnerships, many issues are likely to be resolved.

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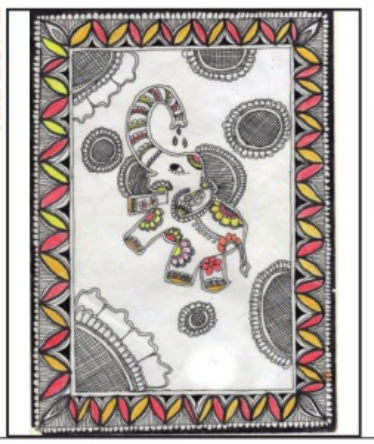

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FAST FIVE

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RIDDLER 357 and 21

QUOTE UNCODE
The darkest hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
B: looking across, lines progress +4, looking down, columns progress +3.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Net, Neat, Ante, Tehran, Earthen.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 3 + 2 + 8 = 21
Medium
7 – 5 + 9 + 6 = 20
Hard
4 – 5 + 9 + 7 = 15

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Jr NTR, Ram Charan in top Asian celebs list

Popular Indian actors Jr NTR and Ram Charan, seen together in the worldwide box-office hit "RRR", have jointly topped an annual UK list of the 'Top 50 Asian Celebrities in the World'

In happier times

Nora Fatehi and Jacqueline Fernandez are currently locked in a legal battle, with the former filing a defamation suit against the latter alleging that she made defamatory allegations for "malicious reasons" in an attempt to destroy her (Nora Fatehi's) career. However, there used to be a time when the two were evidently fond of each other.

It so happens that when Nora was just starting out, she had participated in a dancing reality show in 2016 that had Jacqueline as one of the judges. On seeing Nora's performance, the Ram Setu actor had quipped that not only does she look hot, she is also a great performer. Adding that she will go a long way, Jacqueline also congratulated Nora for being so committed.

The camaraderie between the two continued, with Jacqueline once calling Nora a better belly dancer than even Katrina Kaif. Nora could not contain her emotions and the two hugged on stage.

Coming back to their feud, Jacqueline's lawyer Prashant Patil told ETimes that his client has not made any statement in front of any media against Nora or for that matter, any other person.

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My own time

Shriya Saran recently spilled some beans on her newfound motherhood and daughter Radha. The actress also revealed the reason behind not announcing her pregnancy on social media.

Shriya said that the main reason why she did not speak about her pregnancy was that she wanted to make it as her own time and spend time with herself and have those six months with Radha. She also added that she wanted to be fat and not worry about what people will write about her.

Elaborating further, Shriya added that the other reason was that she was scared that if she speaks about her pregnancy people will take that much longer time to come back and give her work. According to her, it is a visual medium and people expect you to look a certain way and so when she came back and spoke about her pregnancy, she was already working. The actress had already signed three films. Radha was nine months old and she had already shed all her pregnancy weight, the actress told Pinkvilla.

Shriya tied the knot with her Russian boyfriend Andrei Koscheev in 2018. Last year in October, Shriya announced that she and Andrei were parents to a daughter, Radha, born on January 10, 2021.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shriya was last seen in 'Drishyam 2' co-starring Ajay Devgn, Tabu, Akshaye Khanna, Ishita Dutta and others. The film made a record-breaking collection at the box office.

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And now, a costume row

Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone's new song 'Besharam Rang' from their upcoming film 'Pathaan' has brewed a fresh controversy.

The first track from the film, which has been the talk of the town ever since it was released, is trending, and this time, not for the right reasons!

Taking to his Twitter account, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra has made his objections to the song clear.

Sharing a video of himself speaking to local media the minister tweeted saying that he is not sure if the film will be allowed to be released in Madhya Pradesh.

He has objected to the choice of outfits in the song and the colour saffron of the costumes donned by Deepika in some of the song sequences.

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